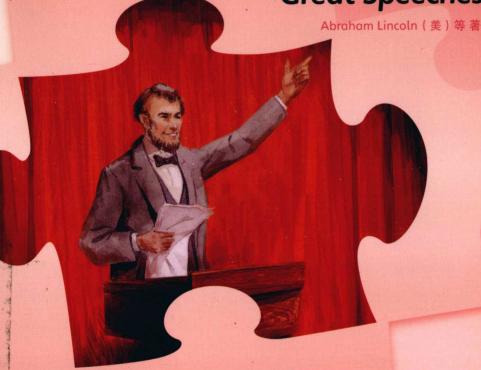
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马丁・路徳・金 (1929~1968)

Martin Luther King, Jr.

马丁·路德·金是美国黑人解放运动的领袖。他出生在佐治亚州的亚特兰大,在波士顿大学获得了博士学位。1954年,他成为了阿拉巴马州蒙哥马利市一座浸信会教堂的牧师。他是圣雄甘地非暴力不合作民权哲学的追随者,并在领导民权运动时将该哲学用于抗议有色种族歧视。他于1964年荣获诺贝尔和平奖,但却在1968年4月支持黑人清洁工人罢工示威活动期间被暗杀。

亚伯拉罕・林肯 (1809~1865)

Abraham Lincoln

亚伯拉罕·林肯是美国第16任总统,出生在肯塔基州。虽然家境贫寒,但他仍靠自学通过了律师资格考试,并于1837年在斯普林菲尔德市开办了自己的律师事务所。1834至1840年期间,他被选任伊利诺伊州议员,于1856年加入了共和党,并于1860年成为了美国总统。虽然他在任职四年间领导南北战争逐步走向胜利,但却于1865年4月在华盛顿福特剧院观看一场戏剧演出时被暗杀。此时距离南北战争结束仅五天。

莫罕达斯・卡拉姆昌徳・甘地 (1869~1948)

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Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

莫罕达斯·卡拉姆昌德·甘地是印度的政治和精神领袖,也是印度独立运动的领导人。他出生于印度波尔邦达尔,从英国伦敦中殿律师学院毕业后成为了律师。他通过非暴力不合作的方式在印度领导独立运动、反对英国政府,努力统一印度。他在印度国内被尊为国父,常常被亲切地称为Mahatma ("圣雄"),意为"伟大的灵魂"。他于1948年1月被一名印度教徒狂热分子暗杀。

富兰克林・徳拉诺・罗斯福 (1882~1945)

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

富兰克林·德拉诺·罗斯福是美国第32任总统,出生于纽约。他从哈佛大学毕业后,于1907年开办了自己的律师事务所。自从当选纽约州民主党参议员后,他便进入了政界,并于1932年成为了总统。就职以后,他采用新政缓解了极度糟糕的经济大萧条,恢复了国民的信心。

约翰・菲茨杰拉德・肯尼迪 (1917~1963)

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

约翰・菲茨杰拉德・肯尼迪是美国第35任总统,出生于马萨诸塞州,毕业于哈佛大学。他于1960年当选为美国历史上最年轻的总统。肯尼迪十分擅长演讲,而且多才多艺。他将古巴导弹危机转化为签署《禁止核试验条约》的契机,禁止了地面核试验的进行。但他于1963年11月在得克萨斯州达拉斯的一次游行中被暗杀。

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CHAPTER 1 第1章



1 Have a Dream

我有一个梦想

by Martin Luther King, Jr. August 28, 1963

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

- □ demonstration n. 示威
- □ freedom n. 自由
- □ score n. 20个
- □ symbolic *adj.* 象征性的
- □ Emancipation Proclamation 《解放宣言》
- □ momentous adj. 重要的
- □ decree n. 法令

- □ beacon n. 灯塔
- □ Negro adj. 黑人的
- □ sear v. 煎熬
- □ withering adj. 毁灭性的
- □ injustice n. 不公正
- □ joyous adj. 欢乐的
- □ daybreak *n.* 黎明 □ captivity *n.* 奴役

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred



years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

- □ cripple v. 使陷于瘫痪
- □ manacle n. [~s] 枷锁
- □ segregation *n.* 种族隔离
- □ discrimination *n.* 歧视
- □ poverty n. 贫穷
- □ in the midst of 在……之中
- □ prosperity n. 繁荣
- □ languish v. 受冷落
- □ exile n. 被流放者
- □ dramatize v. 使引人注目
- □ shameful adj. 可耻的



In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were

signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the "Unalienable Rights" of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note, insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the

- □ architect *n.* 缔造者
- □ magnificent adj. 宏伟的
- □ promissory note 期票
- ☐ fall heir to 继承······
- □ guarantee v. 保证
- □ unalienable *adj.* 不可剥夺的
- □ pursuit *n.* 追求
- □ default v. 拖欠
- □ insofar as 在 ······ 的范围内
- □ honor v. 履行
- □ sacred adj. 神圣的
- □ obligation *n.* 义务

Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds."

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so, we've come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy.

- □ bad check 空头支票
- □ insufficient adj. 不足的
- □ fund n. 资金
- □ bankrupt adj. 破产的
- □ vault *n*. 金库
- □ security n. 保障
- □ hallowed adj. 神圣的

- □ remind v. 提醒
- □ fierce adj. 严峻的
- □ urgency n. 紧急
- □ luxury n. 奢侈
- □ tranquilizing drug 镇静剂
- □ gradualism *n.* 渐进主义
- □ democracy n. 民主

Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick-sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brother-hood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. And those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. And there will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to

- □ desolate adj. 荒凉的
- □ racial adj. 种族的
- □ quicksand n. 流沙
- □ brotherhood n. 手足情谊
- □ fatal adj. 致命的
- □ overlook v. 忽视
- □ sweltering *adj.* 闷热的 □ legitimate *adj.* 合理的

- □ discontent n. 不满
- □ invigorating adj. 凉爽的
- □ blow off 发泄
- □ rude awakening 突然的惊醒
- □ tranquility *n.* 安宁
- □ grant v. 赋予
- □ whirlwind *n.* 旋风
- □ revolt n. 反抗

shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

- ☐ foundation *n.* 根基
- □ emerge v. 出现
- □ threshold *n*. 门槛
- □ guilty adj. 有过失的
- □ seek to 寻求
- □ thirst *n.* 渴求
- □ bitterness n. 酸涩

- □ hatred n. 仇恨
- □ dignity *n*. 体面
- □ protest v. 抗议
- □ degenerate v. 沦落
- □ violence n. 暴力
- □ majestic adj. 崇高的

The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom.

We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead.

We cannot turn back.

There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the

KEY WORDS

□ marvelous adj. 非凡的;不可 □ bind v. 联系思议的 □ militancy n. 战斗精神 □ pledge n. 誓言 □ devotee n. 热心之士 □ presence n. 在场 □ victim n. 受害者 □ destiny n. 命运 □ brutality n. 暴行 □ inextricably adv. 无法摆脱地

fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by a sign stating: "For Whites Only." We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until "justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream."



- ☐ fatique n. 疲惫 □ lodging n. 住宿
- □ mobility n. 流动性
- □ ghetto n. 少数民族聚居区: 贫 □ roll down 倾泻
- 民区
- □ strip v. 剥夺

- □ selfhood n. 自我
- □ state v. 宣称
- □ vote v. 选举
- □ righteousness n. 正义 □ mighty adj. 有力的

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. And some of you have come from areas where your quest — quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends. And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

- □ unmindful adj. 没留意的
- □ trial n. 考验
- □ tribulation n. 艰难困苦
- □ cell n. 牢房
- □ batter v. 折磨
- □ persecution *n.* 迫害

- □ stagger v. 使蹒跚
- □ veteran n. 经验丰富的人
- □ unearned adj. 不应得的
- □ redemptive adj. 救赎的
- □ slum n. 贫民窟
- □ wallow v. 沉沦